

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

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A RESOLUTION to encourage Veterans Service Organizations to provide assistance in the provision of military honors at funerals in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom through military service; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their service, our gallant military veterans are entitled to military honors during their funeral services as a respectful tribute from a grateful nation; and

WHEREAS, sadly, there are not enough adequately trained volunteers to perform the requested military honors at every funeral, with a noted disparity between funerals evident to those in attendance; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, many funeral directors have called upon the Veterans Service Organizations in their communities to provide military honors during a funeral; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Service Organizations located in Tennessee include such esteemed groups as the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans (DAV); Wounded Warrior Project; AMVETS; The Mission Continues; and Team Red, White, and Blue; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby encourage the Veterans Service

Organizations across the Volunteer State to provide assistance in the performance of military honors at funerals in the State of Tennessee.